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SEFA snapshot

Sandridge School – a new type of education for Melbourne children

Sandridge aims to be an incubator for innovation and social impact for students and teachers



Sandridge School is an independent, co-educational school that opened in Williamstown, Melbourne on 1 February 2016. It's a secular school that's diverse, innovative, accessible, and connected to community. It began as a primary school, with the Junior School located in the old *Customs House*. Its' goal is to offer from Preparatory to Year 12, and has a phased development plan.

Uniquely founded by educators, Sandridge is committed to generating active citizens of the future, and provides learning with a central focus on global community understanding and ethical citizenship. It shapes the professional, personal, social and community life of the students and the teachers.

The Australian Curriculum forms the framework for an experiential education model, however it takes a different approach to teaching with teacher researchers and in-house teacher training, and learning through community engagement.

Activators from industry and not-for-profit sectors are incorporated inside the curriculum to help explore critical social questions. The teaching methods connect students directly with these sectors, and teaches them how to

innovate, develop, and implement new ideas and solutions. The school is an incubator that will develop students who are entrepreneurial, creative and resilient. The education on offer is a type of internship for entrepreneurial thinkers and future social impact change agents.



'Sandridge was imagined and built by the teachers who now manage it. SEFA helped to provide financial stability and heartfelt support to bring the Sandridge School to life.'

Dr Jeanne Shaw, Co-Founder and Principal of Sandridge School

What SEFA says

We are pleased to support the creation of a school that promotes values that nurture and encourage community, entrepreneurship and ethical citizenship.